(SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) A visitor to the Sahar Airport is reported to have died of electrocution on 8.4.90 while placing his hands on the weighing machine belonging to a foreign Airline. An Inspection Team of the International Airports Authority of India, which investigated into the incident has recommended certain specilc safety measures, such as, bringing down the switch board for counter connections, mandatory earthing of metallic weighing scales, mounting signages on vertical poles to eliminate chances of contact, provision of adequate rating of Earth Loakage Circuit Broakers etc. These recommendations have been accepted by the IAAI Management and the same have been communicated to the concerned authorities at airports for implementation.

Formation of independent council for Physiotherapists and occupational Therapists

677. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1665 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1989 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far to form the Independent Council for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists with separate Cell;

(b) what amount has been earmarked for the formation and other expenses of the said Council for the year 1990-91;

(c) whether consultations with the Ministries of Law and Justice and Labour have been done; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The matter regarding formation of Independent Council with separate cells for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists has been taken up with the Ministry of Law and on their suggestion, necessary action to constitute such Council by Parliamentary Legislation is under process in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. An amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs has been provided for the said Council during the year 1990-91.

Financial Position of IDPL

678. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDPL has shown profits worth Rs. 2 crores during the year 1988-89 whereas it owes Rs. 15 crores as gratuity and Rs. 29 crores as interest on deposits and depreciation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this accounting manipulation; and

(c) what is the actual financial position of the IDPL as on 31st March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b). IDPL has incurred a net loss of Rs. 46.42 crores during the year 1988-89.

(c) The net loss for the year ending 31st March, 1990 is expected to be of the order of Rs. 30.64 crores. The cumulative losses of the company since its inception upto 31-3-90 are about Rs. 333.98 crores.

679. [*Transferred to the 18th May, 1990.*]

Losses incurred by IDPL

680. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capital investment in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.;

(b) what are the upto-date accumulated losses incurred by the company; and

(c) what are the reasons for these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA) : (a) The Capital investment in Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., as on 31-3-90 is as under :—

	Rs./crores
Share capital . . .	111·91
Loan capital	136·16
	248·07

(b) The accumulated looses incurred by the Company upto 31-3-90 are estimated to be Rs. 333.98 crores.

(c) The reasons for the losses include heavy interest liability, low productivity of labour, escalation in the costs of the inputs, increase in the electricity tariff, increase in salaries and wages, market constraints, power failure|erratic power supply etc.

New approaches to pesticides

681. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pesticides used for public health purposes have proved ineffective and led to higher pest resistance and increased incidence of malane, filaria and other vector-borne diseases, such as Japanese Encephalitis, Kala Azar etc., and if so, what are the details of increased resistance pesticide-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plan to develop alternative approaches to pesticides; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether DG, ICMR has suggested any new and simple approaches to deal with this serious problem; and

(d) whether Voluntary Health Association of India has been bringing this matter to the attention of Government and if so, what action has been taken thereon, such as setting up of a Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Insecticides used for public health purposes are prooving to be still effective when used judiciously and selectively.

Resistance phenomenon of certain vectors of malaria, filariasts, Japanese Encephalitis has been observed in localised situations. The insecticide-wise resistance is as follows :—

Insecticides	Areas	Vectors	Disease
DDT & BHC	Rural	An. culicifacies	MALARIA
	Urban	An. stephensi	
	Rural	An. annularis	
	Rural	Cu. vishnui complex	J.E.
		Cu. quinquefasciatus	Filariasis
Malathion	Rural	An. culicifacies	Malaria
	Urban	An. stephensi	
		Cu. quinquefasciatus.	Filaria